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Remarks

Claims 1-8, 10, 11, 16-21 are pending in the application.

Status of Claims

Claims 1-3, 5-10, 12-14, 16-18 and 20-21 have been rejected under 35 USC(102)(e) for lack of novelty over Bergenwall.

Claims 4, 11, and 19 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) for obviousness over Bergenwall in view of Kidder.

It is respectfully submitted that Bergenwall (US patent 6,567,664) does not constitute prior art. Bergenwall takes a filing date of 2nd June 1999. However the priority date of the present application is 26th February 1999. Attention is drawing to the Foreign Applications section of the filing receipt which claims priority to the European Community patent application EPO 99301481.0 filed 02/26/1999.

It follows that the rejections for anticipation under 35 USC 102(e) and for obviousness under 35 USC 103(a) fall away as all rely on Bergenwall.

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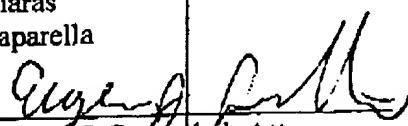
It is respectfully submitted that the Office Action's rejections have been overcome and that this application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are, therefore, respectfully solicited.

If, however, the Examiner still believes that there are unresolved issues, he is invited to call applicant's attorney so that arrangements may be made to discuss and resolve any such issues.

In the event that an extension of time is required for this amendment to be considered timely, and a petition therefor does not otherwise accompany this amendment, any necessary extension of time is hereby petitioned for, and the Commissioner is authorized to charge the appropriate cost of such petition to the **Lucent Technologies Deposit Account No. 12-2325**.

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